U. S. SOON TO TAKE OVER CABLE LINES

Burleson About Ready for Government Operation of Systems in America.

NOT DUE TO EMERGENCY

Return of Properties Follows Peace Ratification-Possible Huge Combine Seen.

Special Despatch to THE SUS.

Washington, Nov. 17. — Government optrol and operation of all cable lines the United States are to be suching the United States are to sumed by Postmaster-General Burleon in the near future.

mon in the near future.

Plans for taking over these lines have
been under way by the wire control
committee of the Post Office Department
for several weeks, but no formal action has yet been taken. No Presidential proclamation has been issued. The re-port that the lines already have passed control is premature and erro

The Aswell joint resolution, passed last summer, gave the President au ority, "during the continuance of the teent war," whenever he deemed it commany for the national security, to ke possession not only of the tele-

Up to State Department.

While some of the lines are America: owned, others are property of foreign organizations. Public statements with respect to the cable lines have repeat-edly been refused on the ground that it was a matter that had to go through the State Department and that nothing id be said until the State Department

It was stated by a high official of the Office Department to-night that events were rapidly shaping toward Government control and operation of the cable lines, but that formal action was further stated that the move is by no means a new one. It has been the ies of the postal officials to consolidate tion, including the cable lines, from the very first, but that action on the cables was delayed because of complexities of international control.

It is explained to-night that in taking control of these cables the Post Office Department is merely carrying out the original plans laid before Congress and was in no sense a new move and not rehip control that is regarded as

Administration officials have no idea ninate in the near future because coestation of hostilities. The legal

taken at such a late day. Among the fact here that he is going ahead on a plan which will weid all lines, including the cables, into one system and then reduce the rates materially, with the idea that public sentiment will favor their retention by the Government when the time comes to give them up.

Officials here do not deny that the cable lines have not been worked to their capacity, but insist a unification plan can be worked out which will give

plan can be worked out which will give better satisfaction to the public than

WAIVES CLAIM WITH PROPERTIES' RETURN

Mackay Points to U. S. Loss in Letter to Burleson.

In a letter addressed to Postmaster-General Burleson, Clarence H. Mackay, president of the Postal Telegraph Cable Company and the Commercial Cable Company, asserts that the Government is losing money through its operation of of the companies to their owners. It this suggestion is accepted, Mr. Mackay agrees, on behalf of the owners of the despotism."

Postal Telegraph Cable Company, to He praised the cleanness and fighting Fostal Telegraph Cable Company, to Walve any claim to compensation and accept only whatever his lines have accept only white his lines have accept on the history white his lines have accept on the history white hi

Mr. Mackay's letter to Postmaster-General Burleson was written on November 11. He wrole:
"Hon. Albert S. Burleson, Postmaster-General, Washington, D. C.
"Mr Dean Mr. Burleson in view of the fact that an armistice with Germany has now here significant to the control of the fact that an armistice with Germany has now here significant that the control of the fact that an armistice with Germany has now here significant that the control of the fact that an armistice with Germany has now here significant that the control of the control

many has now been signed and a treaty of peace will probably be agreed upon quickly, I take the liberty of suggesting that the telegraph lines be returned to the two telegraph companies at once, as authorized by the President's proclamation, which states that you shall at the two telegraph companies are once, as authorized by the President's proclamation, which states that you shall at the control of the president and was thankful that the control of the president and was thankful that the control of the president and was thankful that the control of the president and was thankful that the control of the president and the president and the control of the president and the control of the president and the president and the control of the president and the control of the president and the preside any telegraph . . system or any

Such action on your part would save the Government a great deal of money, because, as I am informed, the compensation which has been agreed upon between you and the Western Union Telegraph Company is much more than the telegraph company is now earning from month to month. That compensa-tion is even more than that company's earnings for 1917, which was the most

profitable year in its history.

"The earnings of that company for the first seven months of this year, as reported to the interstate Commerce Commission, were \$1.357,225 less than they were for the same period of last year (including cable operations, but any decrease in such cable earnings was undoubtedly more than offset by the alleged decrease of \$578,000 in taxes), which would indicate that the year eading July 31, 1919, will show a loss to the Government, in connection 668, and in all probability considerably in excess of that flaure.

diate retrenchment in all branches of the VICTORY SERVICES

There is no such deficiency in your peration of the Postal Telegraph lines, inasmuch as no compensation has yet been agreed upon as to that company. "Again, the sooner competition in the

telegraph business is restored the greater, I believe, will be the satisfaction of the public. As you are aware, the joint resolution of Congress of July 16, 1918, authorizing the taking of control of the telegraphs and telephones was purely a war measure for national security and defence, and this is empha sized by the fact that Congress provide that Federal control 'shall not extend beyond the date of the proclamation by the President of the exchange of ratifications of the treaty of peace, as against the railroad Federal control bill, which continued the period of Federal control for a period of twenty-one months after

Meant as a War Measure.

"If Congress had intended the tele-raph and telephone Federal control act to be other than a purely war measure. Congress would have made its continu-ance last for the same period as the railroad control. The fact that the telegraph-telephone control was purely a war measure was also most emphatically emphasized in the debates in both houses of Congress when the resolution

"Certainly the war no longer justifies the Government's retaining these telegraph lines for war purposes. In fact, since August 1, 1918, when the Government first took control of the tele-graph lines for war purposes, there has not been a single act in such operation, so far as I can ascertain, that has led one notable service at Old Trinity, of New York, the Te Dum was sung been different from what such operation while Rabbi Schulman delivered a strong and the benediction of the Blessed Sacwould have been if the telegraph com-

It was explained at the time the Government assumed control of the telegraph and telephone lines that the only reason the President's proclamation at you think well of the suggestion to the world disaster.

The leading clergymen of all faiths turned their services into thanksgiving clebrations, and all tempered their remarks with pleas for peace negotiations at the might present any recurrence of the world disaster. that time did not include the cable lines return the lines to both telegraph companies the recessity for clearing up any panies the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company is willing to waive any claim for compensation and accept what the lines are actually earned since the beginning of Federal control. All this would save the Government from the loss which it is now sustaining from month to menth. 'On the other hand, if the Government is to continue to keep control o our lines we certainly are entitled to the same profits that we made during the year prior to July, 1818, which you will includes the first six months of in which six months, as stated the Western Union earnings 1918, In showed a considerable decline, but which

was apparently not considered in ar-riving at their compensation. "You will observe, therefore, that the the cable lines, but that formal action had not yet been taken. He intimated it was a matter of but a few days. It was a matter of but a few days. It was further stated that the move is by the Government than you have granted to the Western Union. Apparently war ment as the Western Union in this re-"CLARENCE H. MACKAY, President."

Fear Sweeping Changes.

In some quarters the extension of the Government control to include the cables operating between the United States and foreign countries is viewed with apprehension. The prediction was due to any emergency. It was emphatically stated that questions of ceneral even made yesterday that the new step on the press has been removed. Censorship has full made to the Government would be government would be government would be government would be government when the government would be government would be government. or the press has been removed, but is be followed in a few days by some utill in effect on commercial messages, sweeping changes in the management has of the wire companies, which have heretofore been allowed to remain intact. Should such changes come the rank and file of employees engaged in the actual operation of the wires will be unaffected, it was predicted, but the execu-tive officers probably will be shelved until such time as the Government cares to return the companies to the original

expiration of the Governments number. For the most part the officials of the fity is a long way off in view of the fact cable companies seemed loath to disthat exchanges of the ratification of the cuss this new phase in wire situation peace treaty will in themselves take Some of them took the attitude that it Postmaster-General Burleson is one of the foremost advocates of Government ownership of all lines of communication. There is no concealment of the fact here that he is going abead on a least of the fact here that he is going abead on a

The Rev. W. P. Merrill Gives Thanks for Passing of Kings. The Rev. William Pierson Merrill, D. D., conducted the thanksgiving services yesterday afternoon in the Brick Presbyterian Church. "We thank God," he said, "that the

fighting has come to an end through victory for the right; that our fears of some compromise that would leave right worsted and wrong triumphant have been swept away in the completeness of the victory.

"Hhank God for the passing of kings

and kinglets—the kalsers and crars, the telegraph companies and suggests that ority. There are horrors of anarchy this loss be stopped through the return in Russia, and fears of anarchy in Ger

MENACE OF SWORD ENDED.

Rabbi Wise Says American Ideal Is World's Treasure.

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise told the Free ynagogue yesterday in Carnegie Hall

justice from the strongest nations for the weakest nations. The menace of the sword is ended. The sword of militarism lies broken at the feet of humanity and if we will to achieve the peace of justice that sword will never be welded or wielded again."

Rabbi Wise said that the peace fight remained to be won and that in it the Amercian ideal was to be the cherished treasure of the world.

GERMANY A PENAL PROBLEM.

Justice Should Still Be Aim. Chaplain Raymond C. Knox of Columbia University preached yesterday after-noon at the Victory celebration at St. Paul's Chapel. He said that the United

States went to war for the sake of jus-lice, and now that the war is won the hief end should also be fustice.
"We are not treating with an honor-able although defeated foe," he said. for excess of that figure

"I do not know what the corresponding figures of the Bell Telephone Company are that tager is no reason for the Government intiming to hear these losses, inasmuch as it can som them impediately by refurning the lives to the telegraph companies. That such a step would meet with general approval is indicated by the speech of Senator Martin of recent date, in which he arges immediated the corresponding to the falsely called divine inght of tings, now a fugility from his own land and against whom every man's hand was jurned."

IN CITY CHURCHES

All Denominations Join Holding Thanksgiving Celebrations.

SERMON BY ELIHU ROOT

Possible Peace Commissioner Speaks at Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

Elihu Root, widely mentioned as one of the possible members of the American Peace Commission. occupied the pulpit yesterday at the Victory celebra-tion in the Cathedrai of St. John the Divine. This was but one of the many notable incidents of services in New York churches in which thanks were and stern justice upon the Germans was lemanded.

sermon at the Temple Beth-El, in which he voiced the plaint that it was against ament was held. Of unusual into

that might prevent any recurrence of the world disaster.

Mr. Root said that the United States could meet and saive all of the problems that have arisen from the war. That a difficult task faced the entire civilized world, he admitted, but he was sure world, he admitted, but he was sure Americans would meet it courseously and wisely.

Sure America Will Lead.

The public has no conception." said, "of the difficulty of the task, but am convinced America will meet it nore wisely than any other nation. Speaking of the forthcoming peace onference to which political rumor has sasined him a high place, Mr. Root said "No man can frame the timetable of the Almighty."
"It is a tremendous event." he con-

tinued, "that has just occurred. the greatest event of modern history. It was a struggle for human freedom and from it we learned the leason of sacrifice. From it will follow conse-quences that we cannot begin to understand. It ushers in the dawn of a Modern civilization has not failed. It was in question for a time. "One half of the potential military

forces of the world were aligned against the forces of freedom and liberty.' He said that Germany sought to put into effect the theories of the Roman Empire through her military caste, and that she had for years been pretending an alliance with Christian civilization, making treates that were false when she did not believe in liberty and faith

"Suddenly," he said, "she hurled her "Suddenly," he said, "she harried her forces upon the unprepared nations of the world. Their base contention was that might makes right. God himself Jewish minority." that might makes right. God himself Jewish minority." Or. Schulman urged the founding of Christian civilization triumphs. The old a Jewish colony in Palestine under probarbarian principle was laid in the dust. Christian civilization triumphs. The old-barbarian principle was laid in the dust. The result of the war is the proof of the supremacy of moral force which controlled and moved physical force. Even Bismarck knew this in his un-scrupulous judgment. William, the Kaiser, absorbed in his vague dream of

ot held by military force. Germany of the hour.

could not understand that Americans were other than a race of money getters and that this nation had moral stamina." Mr. Root said that when Germany sank the Lusitania she ultimately brought the United States into the war against her and that this meant he

downfall.

He explained that when Germany sought to break up Hussian solidity she sent emissaries to preach Socialism, while carefully suppressing the doctrines in her own borders. The Socialistic propagands, he said, proved to be a boomerang and a timately caused the lownfall of the Kaiser. The clergy of the entire diocese, the Chancellor, trustees and officials of the cathedral and many prominent persons

Dean Hoard C. Robbins. MASS FOR VICTORY IN

Mgr. Mooney.

take possession not only of the teletake possession not only of the turned their services into thanksgiving treatment of the pillers of the church war. Each of the pillers of the church marks with pleas for peace negotiations was hung with the flag of one of the

M. Provincial of the disc. Mgrs. M. J. Cane, celebrated the mass. Mgrs. M. J. Lavelle and Sherado Ferrants were among the dignaturies present. Consul-

this moraing in the thought of the mag- and Lloyd George. He was particularly 1872 took place less than three month nificent victory which has come to the carnest in his reference to the work of after Justice Barnard's bench was va

"As Americans of the Jewish religion our joy is marred and our happiness of the German people. Many of the disturbed. The monster of pogromism best known members of the local French is raising its hideous head, we are informed, in Rumania and in Poland. the midst of peace and of universal joy the mob is being urged to turn it into woe for the Jew.

they possess over these nations to make them understand that no people can be recognized as entitled to be an inde

in peace. Victory Mass in Syrian Church. A special Victory high mass was sung

military glory, overlooked it. He and Francis Wakim, pastor of the Syrian his kind have learned the law of moral colony in New York, as the celebrant force now.

"Jermany could not understand that Belgium would defend her honer when her neutrality was violated. Germany could not understand that when the rights of Belgium were attacked England would protect her, nor could she understand that England's colonies were

THAN U.S. WAR TOLL HAS OLD PRECEDENT

Among Troops About 40,-000 From All Causes.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.-The recent epidemic of influenza in the United States caused more deaths than oc curred among the American expedintil hostilities ceased. This announcement to-day by

Census Bureau was based on unofficial estimates of the total casualties among the overseas forces and reports from forty-six cities having a combined population of 23,000,000, which showed \$2,306 deaths from influenza and

4,000 deaths from these causes during this period, it was said, leaving approx-imately 78,000 as the number properly

ent, and may not be more than 40 per ent, of the total casuaities. On this assumption the loss of life in the American expeditionary forces to date about 40,000 or 45,000."

The total of deaths due to the inknown, the announcement said, as only he forty-six cities for which figures were given report vital statistics to the Census Bureau. The greatest mortality population, was 7.4 per 1.000 in Phila-leiphia, and the next greatest, 6.7 per 1,000, was reported from Baltimore.

FRENCH CHAPLAIN PREACHES. tributes Victory to Righteous

Cause.

"The Star Spangled Banner" preceded

Rabbi Samuel Schulman, D. D. in the Temple Beth-El deplored the fact that the world peace was marred by a report of renewed pogroms against the Jews. He demanded allied action to curb such tendencies.

"As Americans," he said, "we rejoice "As Americans," he said, "we rejoice and Lloyd George. He was particularly site of impeachment, removed George G. Barnard as Supreme Court Justice. On September 13, 1872, after several recesses the Legislature, sitting as a court of impeachment, removed George G. Barnard as Supreme Court Justice. On September 12, 1872, after several recesses the Legislature, sitting as a court of impeachment, removed George G. Barnard as Supreme Court Justice. On September 12, 1872, after several recesses the Legislature, sitting as a court of impeachment, removed George G. Barnard as Supreme Court Justice. On September 12, 1872, after several recesses the Legislature, sitting as a court of impeachment, removed George G. Barnard as Supreme Court Justice. On September 12, 1872, after several recesses the Legislature, sitting as a court of impeachment, removed George G. Barnard as Supreme Court Justice. On September 13, 1872, after several recesses the Legislature, sitting as a court of impeachment, removed George G. Barnard as Supreme Court Justice. On September 13, 1872, after several recesses the Legislature, sitting as a court of impeachment, removed George G. Barnard as Supreme Court Justice. On September 13, 1872, after several recesses the Legislature, sitting as a court of impeachment, removed George G. Barnard as Supreme Court Justice. On September 12, 1872, after several recesses the Legislature, sitting as a court of impeachment, removed George G. Barnard as Supreme Court Justice. On September 13, 1872, after several recesses the Legislature, sitting as a court of impeachment, removed George G. Barnard as Supreme Court Justice. On September 13, 1872, after several recesses the Legislature, sitting as a court of impeachment, removed George G. Barnard as Supreme Court Justice. the American Army. At the conclusion of his sermon he

recited a prayer calling upon the Delty not to forget the crimes of Germany and

Salesman Accidental Gas Victim. Buckland's room. The police found he particular question has not been a mathad retired with the gas burning and the ter of judicial determination by the highward had probably blown out the flame. [er courts.]

RECESS JOB GIVING

Special Despatch to Tun Sun. ALBANY, Nov. 17 -- A decision of the Court of Appeals handed down in 1872 has been dug up and brushed off as a tionary forces from all causes from the reminder to certain political leaders of me the first unit landed in France the futility of alleged plans to have the State Legislature recess from day to day and stave off final adjournment until the last day of the year for the purpose of checkmating recess appointments by the Governor. This plan of action has been hinted at ever since pneumonia from September 9 to Novem- Alfred E. Smith was elected Governor.

In the decision, which has never been ments, upon which this decision was based, have not been changed. "The words 'in session' as used in sec-tion 2 of article 6 of the State Constitu-

a body. When the sittings are term Sensus Bureau. The greatest mortality nated by a long adjournment, and the interpopulation, was 7.4 per 1,000 in Philappopulation, was 7.4 per 1,000 in Philappopulation was 7.4 per 1,000 nor during such an adjournment

The ruling further declares that the Constitution "designed for practical pur-

he "Marselliaise" yesterday in the con- tinues, "had respect to a Senate actually

cated his successor could not be chosen at the election. Gov. Hoffman in mak-ing the appointment assumed that the Senate was not in session, although recessed to prevent him naming Ba nard's successor. The situation existing at the time th

West Twenty-fourth street, was found pointments was a matter of controversy dead yesterday when some one in the home smelled gas and traced it to Mr. the highest court. Since that time this

82,306 Die in Epidemic; Total Decision of 1872 Cited in Support of Whitman's Expected Appointments.

modified, the Court of Appeals held squarely that the Legislature is without the right to recess as a subterfuge, or All of the Catholic institutions in the city held high mass. The French, Syrian and Italian churches lent color to a series of services, impressive and important in church and military history.

The Rev. William T. Manning, D. D., led one notable service at Old Trinity, with the Te Dum was sung sermon at the Tample Schuman delivered a strong and the benediction of the biassed and accidents.

Services were held in connection with the morning solemn high mass. A few expeditionary forces, said the announcement, "have recently been unofficially estimated at 100,000. On the basis of the number thus far reported it may be assumed that the deaths from all causes, including disease and accidents. The Dum was sung and the benediction of the biassed and accidents. The Catholic institutions in the right to recess as a subterfuge, or for the purpose of preventing the Governor from filling vacancies in State expeditionary forces," said the announcement, "have recently been unofficially estimated at 100,000. On the basis of the number thus far reported by Gov. John T. Hoffman. Constitutional provisions affecting the Governor's nower to make recess and a subterfuge, or for the purpose of preventing the Governor from filling vacancies in State expeditionary forces," said the announcement, "have recently been unofficially estimated at 100,000. On the basis of the number thus far reported by Gov. John T. Hoffman. Constitutional provisions affecting the Governor from filling vacancies in State expeditionary forces," said the announcement, "have recently been unofficially estimated at 100,000. On the basis of the number thus far reported by Gov. John T. Hoffman. Constitutional provisions affecting the Governor from filling vacancies in State expeditionary forces, and the announcement, "have recently been unofficially estimated at 100,000. On the basis of the number thus far reported by Gov. John T. Hoffman. Constitutional provisions affecting the Governor form filling vacancies in State expeditionary forces, and the announcement.

> tion, which authorizes the Governor when the Senate is not in session, to fil temporarily by appointment a vacancy in the office of Justice of the Supremo Court," the ruling declares, "indicate a present acting or being of the Senate as Senate is not "in session" within the ir tent and meaning of the Constitution and an appointment made by the Gover

poses had respect to realities and was not dealing with fictions or a construc-tive condition of things."
"The Constitution," the decision con-

gregational singing in the French and duly convened, and in readiness to Church of Notre Dame, where a Victory act upon nominations of the Governor mass was celebrated. Abbe Jean Borde d'Arrerre, a French pertaining to that body, and not to a army chaplain, wearing full uniform, constructive session, a body not actually with the medal of the Legion of Honor and the Military Cross, preached the On September 13, 1872, after several

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